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| In re Patent Application of | ) | <b>MAIL STOP AMENDMENT</b> |
| Takenari Itou et al.        | ) | Group Art Unit: 3767       |
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| For: CATHETER ASSEMBLY      | ) |                            |

**AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 31, 2010, please consider the following remarks.